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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL PECENTER REPTOR Enclosed herewith is the Response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004.

Small Entity Status

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.

Other Enclosures II.

2 Supplemental Declarations [X]

FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra			Additional Fee
Total Effective	21 .	minus	21	=	0	X	\$ 18.00 =	0.00
Claims Independent Claims If amendment enters			4 dent claim(s)	= int	0 to this	x	\$ 86.00 = \$290.00 +	\$0.00 N/A
application for first to	ime (per applic	ation)					Subtotal:	0.00

Fee Calculation: Request for Extension of Time		•				
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)						
Response filed within first month after due date – add	\$ 110.00	N/A				
[X] Response filed within second month after due date – add	\$420.00	\$420.00				
Response filed within third month after due date – add	\$950.00	N/A				
Response filed within fourth month after due date – add	\$1480.00	N/A				
Response filed within fifth month after due date – add	\$2010.00	N/A				
[]	SUBTOTAL:	N/A				
Discount for "small entity" status, enter half (1/2)	N/A					
of the second subtotal and subtract.						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE <u>\$42</u>						
[X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2814 in the amount	t of \$420.00 .					
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.						
Snell & Wilmer Check # in the amount of \$						
No additional fee is required.						
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Respectfully submitted,

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